

NYE AT THE PLAY

We Talk About the Ballet in Gotham.

DESCRIPTION OF BLACK CROOK

How the Actors Succeed in Making Their Living—A Comic Opera That Bill Likes—Other Pungent Notes.

The revival of the "Black Crook" and Lottie Collins in New York has given, as I may say, an atmosphere of earnest yet diaphanous freshly laundered ruffles and firm young muscle which pervades all the other theaters and makes the life of a bass viol player a most hazardous one. I was perfectly astonished a month ago while here with my family, and as I had other shopping that could be done later I allowed the family to look casually upon the billboards while I promised myself that later on I would do the balance of my trading for winter and also do a little Dr. Parkhursting besides.

The "Black Crook" is a play which one gets the synopsis of and reads after he gets home, but I'll bet a dollar that he cannot do so on the ground. I will give



AT THE BLACK CROOK.

a brief epitome, so that those who wish to understand the play itself before attending it may do so, enjoying the comic and incidental parts while present, thus saving a great deal of time. The quality of the dialogue is flat enough for the commencement day at an elite school. If a blind man were to come home alive after attending the "Black Crook" he would have to put his hand on his forehead and say: "It would be useless for other purposes."

The general literary tone of the play reminds one of the works of Steve Brodie, or the perils of Mrs. Yucca, who lifts the horse at Huber's dime museum.

And yet one does not go away. I was alone, and at 10 a. m. could get one lone seat by the man who plays the popgun in the orchestra. I sat over three hours holding a large fat lady with a real alligator neck and moss green freckles on it. At first she rested equally on me and a gent on her right, but the gent on her right got weary, and taking a lingering look at the ballet he went away. Great Wolfenstein is a character in the play, and lives on his title and eleven dollars per week. Rudolph is a poor artist, who paints campaign banners, and so cannot get anything only every four years. But while he is in the hands of his enemies and chained to a large pillar of the dungeon of the castle he is approached by Hertog, called the Black Crook, a man who lives in the mountains and has dealings with the devil, ever and anon swapping him a soul for a milk cow or a town lot. It must be remembered, however, that all along here rapid fiddling occurs, and beautiful girls, relieved of their wraps by kindly hands, come in and dance in a spiritly way, which reminds me of the Jardin Kerblin, in Paris, where I was once at.

All at once the orchestra opens with a sort of bugle call sounding like tummy da da, tummy da da, rat to rat, rat to rat, tummy da da, tummy da da, and then some more girls come upon the stage and cut up so that I put a corner of the fat lady's Paisley shawl over my head. Next came a view of hell, and the old lady removed the shawl and told me I could look now. It was a beautiful sight. Dr. Goodfellow runs this department, and when he cracks his knuckles the sparks of electricity snap forth like everything.

He is clothed in medicated red flannel from head to feet, and in face reminds one of the magician Herrmann. I met Herrmann once in Tiffin, O. We played against each other. We stopped at the same place, as regards hotels. He asked me to sit at his table. I said I did not want to do so if he would not play any more on me. He said he would not.

Before we got half through he begged my pardon—he is a very polite man—and said there was some foreign substance in my lettuce. I said doubtless. There always is more or less foreign substance in lettuce, but I could not ignore the fact that there was indeed a diamond ring. I looked it over with a sigh and gave it to the waiter girl. Everything that one finds that way he should return. If I were to go to that house again I would get two pieces of pie and a hearty welcome.

At this point we see by our programme that it will be continued on next page, and that Lyon & Healy's brass bands are used exclusively in this theater also that members of the "Black Crook" company wear the celebrated "Yolla" self-heating chest from Paris. Buy no other one. We now turn over our programme and find that the Run-around railroad can receive a few more people if sold in time, and even go over to Brooklyn for people who are well connected. Then the next scene is a rocky peak. It is over the Run-around railroad, I presume, and expires the day before you start.

There is also a "dame rustique" and some corruptions. I've seen a good many anywhere in my time, but I never saw one that I would care to place in charge of the infant class at Mount Calvary Sabbath school where I live. They seem too frivolous to me. They do not live for a purpose.

The Grotto of Stalacta is a good thing. Imagine a beautiful cavern lined with pink and white and faced with neapolitan ice cream, then stalactites of pure lemon ice and stalagmites of tutti frutti. Lighted up with powerful electric lights, stoned down with beautiful dramatic bits of every line, and a torchlight pro-

cession of coryphees carrying a large wire banner!

After the appearance of Fielding, the wonder, who has no connection with the play, the four young ladies from Paris come in and oblige. They dance nimbly about at a great rate, standing first on one leg and then on the other. And yet they were once poor girls living on the Rue de la Bastille, with very light laundry bills even then. It is wonderful how other nations succeed in this country. These four poor girls are now able to earn a good salary in a few moments playing leap frog and cutting up at a great rate. Then all day they can go and see the city of New York and the pleasant animals in Central park. They lead lives of ease which come as near that of the Pullman car conductor as anything I know of.

The Casino has come forward and reformed, hoping in the bright and glorious future to greet the good and great and occupy the paragon along with Mr. Palmer and Augustin Daly. The "Fencing Master" is one of the prettiest and most romantic comic operas I have ever seen. It is Italian, but not exclusively so. The principal scenes are laid in Venice, and all the trading and visiting seem to be done in gondolas. Marie Tempest is the fencing master—a daughter who has been reared as a son by her old father till she is the most skillful swordsman in the place. She becomes the court fencing master, and during the campaign keeps the royal fences in repair. Francesca, the young swordsman, falls in love with Fortino, the rightful heir to the throne of Milan and owner of a line of gondolas on Fifth avenue. He is sent on a perilous mission, which it is hoped will result in his ignominious death, but Francesca resolves to go with him, and buying a new Wade & Butcher sword she goes with him, joyfully knifing several of his prominent enemies and asking their friends to send in the bill for same.

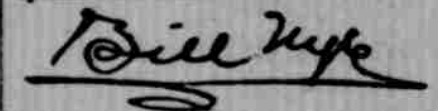
Fortino, however, loves another, but not beyond his control, as she seems to be a bit of a flirt, and in fact Francesca encourages her to elope with a well known Venetian proprietor of a trolley line on the Grand canal. He comes every evening and plunks with his Venetian plunker to a low, sad refrain referring to love that curls up and dies for lack of proper attention. Francesca is in favor of this matter and encourages his passion, egging the young lady on, and yet doing it quite squarely. Finally Fortino agrees to meet this girl and speak to her freely; also to tell her that he is very likely to come into possession of the throne by showing his subjects that they are at that time paying too high a duty on wearing apparel, and that wages have gone down, thus turning the tide of added wealth, called the unearned increment, into the pockets of the rich.

Francesca so assists the other man that he gets the young lady just before Fortino arrives, and pretty soon there has to be an explanation, and no longer can the beautiful boy swordsman conceal the fact that he loves Fortino and would cheerfully die in his defense, as he had almost done already several times.



SAVE THE KING TO THE GIRL.

By and by all is well, and Fortino wonders how he could have been such an ass all along, and the audience cordially join in also, having wondered for some time why he did not know more. Then Francesca goes away to her room and returns in a long dress made of Italian red and yellow plaid with a special train to it.



Hisself Once More.

Banks—Yes, a policeman got after me last night for making so much noise, and when I reached home I was all out of wind.

Brooks—You got it again, I see.

"Oh, yes. My wife blew me up soon after I got there."—Life.

No Time to Be Lost.

Mrs. Hicks—We can't go to Mrs. Dix's tonight unless you get me one of those feather boas today.

Hicks—Why must you have it today?

Mrs. Hicks—She is going to get one tomorrow.—New York Herald.

To the Modern Girl.

A man met me for a chat.—Borne.

What the 'arrap'ed, fair renegade, in tailor made and a' that.

Close fitting skirt of scanty girl, in bell of shirt and a' that.

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